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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6557

BILL NUMBER: HB 1095

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dobis

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 X DEDICATED
 X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill replaces the 11-member Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission with a new 5-member commission appointed by the Governor. The bill specifies that two of the members must be employees of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It provides that each of the other three members must have an engineering degree or a real estate appraiser's license, and have at least ten years of work experience.

Effective Date: Upon passage; June 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Reducing the membership of the Commission from 11 to 5 will reduce per diem and traveling expenses associated with the Commission. The bill provides that each member who is not a state employee is entitled to per diem and reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties. Members who are state employees are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties. For 2005, the Commission budgeted \$10,000 for per diem expenses and \$10,000 for travel for a total of \$20,000. Reducing the number of members on the Commission should reduce expenditures for per diem and travel by an estimated \$10,000.

Background Information. The purpose of the Commission is to promote the general health and welfare of citizens and to provide for the creation, development, maintenance, administration, and operation of park, recreation, marina, flood control, and other public works projects.

For the 2005-2007 biennium, the Commission received a state appropriation of \$2 M. The Commission uses

the money to draw federal dollars at a 25% state and 75% federal match. The total 2005 budget for the Commission was \$180,000. Of this total, \$130,000 was spent on staff support. The budget for land acquisition and project development equaled \$3 M. The Commission staff consists of a director and an administrative assistant. The commission currently contracts with three other individuals.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission; DNR.

Local Agencies Affected: Entities located around the Little Calumet River Basin.

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